IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Case No. 97,022-N2)

PATENT

Leanult

SB

In the Application of:

Ghosh et al.

Examiner:

Serial No.

To be assigned

Filing Date:

Herewith

Group Art Unit:

For:

A System for Cell Based Screening)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX NEW APPLICATION Assistant Commissioner for Patent Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir,

Please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please delete lines 6-17 on page 1 and replace with the following:

Cross Reference

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application 09/632,552 filed August 4, 2000, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial Nos. 60/147,443 filed August 5, 1999; 60/176,589 filed January 18, 2000; and 60/205,696 filed May 19, 2000. This application is related to co-pending U.S. Applications for Patent S/Nos. 09/398,965 filed September 17, 1999; 09/031,271 filed February 27, 1998; 09/380,259 filed February 27, 1998; 09/352,171 filed July 12, 1999; 09/598,347 filed June 21, 2000; 09/293,209 filed April 16, 1999; 09/293,210 filed April 16, 1999; 09/398,965 filed September 17, 1999; 09/430,656 filed October 29, 1999; 09/513,783 filed February 25, 2000; and 09/569,508 filed May 12, 2000.

In the claims:



If there are any questions or comments regarding this Preliminary Amendment, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned patent agent as indicated below.

Date:

Telephone: 312-913-0001 Facsimile: 312-913-0002

Respectfully submitted,

David Harper

Registration No. 42,636

McDonnell Boehnen
Hulbert & Berghoff, Ltd.

300 South Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606